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SUBJECT: SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS TO POLISH JEWS NOW US
CITIZENS

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1. MR. SHELOMO BEN-ISRAEL ON JANUARY 30 TELEPHONED A
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL HERE TO RECOUNT
CONVERSATIONS HE HAD HAD IN WARSAW AT THE POLISH MINISTRY
OF LABOR AND AT THE EMBASSY. MR. BEN-ISRAEL SAID A
MR. ZEIFFERT (ZAJFRYD?) AT THE LABOR MINISTRY HAD TOLD
HIM THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY PAYING PENSIONS UNDER THE
POLISH SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO PERSONS WHO HAD LEFT
POLAND AFTER 1967 AND BECOME AMERICAN CITIZENS. ZAJFRYD
APPARENTLY CITED AS A BASIS FOR THIS AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
WITH US IN 1964 WHICH PROVIDES FOR SUCH PAYMENTS ON A
RECIPROCAL BASIS. MR. BEN-ISRAEL ADDED THAT HE HAD
RELATED THIS TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO INDICATED THE
EMBASSY LACKED COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE.

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2. THE LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL'S STATEMENTS TO BEN-ISRAEL
SOUND ENCOURAGING. TOGETHER WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO FOLLOW-THROUGH
WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY HERE, AND WE MAY SEEK EMBASSY

WARSAW'S ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE CAN

FURNISH COPIES OF THE 1964 EXCHANGE. IN THE MEANTIME,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ACCOUNT OF WHAT MR.
BEN-ISRAEL PASSED ON CONCERNING HIS TALKS AT THE LABOR
MINISTRY, AS WELL AS A REPORT OF ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT
DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE VISIT OF RABBI SCHINDLER'S
DELEGATION. VANCE

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